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# WE NEED TO CHANGE COURSE IN IRAQ!

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, a famous law of nature says that when you have dug yourself into a deep hole, the first thing to do is stop digging. That hole is Iraq. According to our own intelligence agents, the war in Iraq is actually fueling more terror worldwide, undermining the global war on terror. And yet this administration refuses to stop digging.

Conditions for our own troops are getting worse and worse. They are merely serving as referees in a civil war between Sunnis and Shias in which over 100 Iraqis die every day.

And our Army Chief of Staff, who I refer to as the Carl Sagan of the budget, says we need

billions and billions and billion of more dollars if we are going to keep the Army going in Iraq and elsewhere.

Last week, General Abizaid was asked if we were winning the war in Iraq; he said we would be if we had unlimited time and unlimited resources.

Yet in the face of all of this mismanagement, all of the death and destruction, our President has the nerve to say when history looks at Iraq, it will see a mere comma. A mere comma. What about the deaths of 2,700 of our bravest men and women, Mr. President? How about the injuries of 20,000 of our finest troops? It is time to stop digging and bring the troops home.